UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN RE LORAZEPAM & CLORAZEPATE ANTITRUST LITIGATION))) MDL Docket No. 1290) Misc. No. 99ms276
This Order applies to:	FILED
All Actions	JUN 0 7 2001
) NANCY MAYER WHITTINGTON, CLERK U.S. DISTRICT COURT

<u>ORDER</u>

The Court has recently received letters from co-lead counsel for the plaintiff class of third party payers in cases pending in this MDL action. In response, the Court directs all parties to the Local Rules of this Court, and in particular, Local Civil Rule 5.1, which provides in pertinent part:

(a) PLACE AND MANNER OF FILING.

All papers relating to a pending action shall be filed with the Clerk unless otherwise directed by the court.

(b) CORRESPONDENCE WITH COURT.

Except when requested by a judge, correspondence shall not be directed by the parties or their attorneys to a judge, nor shall papers be left with or mailed to a judge for filing.

LCvR 5.1(a), (b) (emphasis added). Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that all parties shall comply with the Local Rules of this Court and, unless otherwise directed, shall file no correspondence with the Court. It is further

ORDERED that if the parties wish the Court to consider the matters addressed in letters sent to the Court, they shall file appropriate papers in compliance with the Local Rules.

SO ORDERED.

June <u>6</u>, 2001

Thomas F. Hogan
United States District Judge